Diwan Bahadur M. Gopalaswami Mudaliyar :—" May I know whether any report has been called for as to whether his condition is such that he deserves to be released or not ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar :—" I shall do so, Sir."

Diwan Bahadur M. Gopalaswami Mudaliyar :—" May I know how, although very detailed information is given so far as clause (a) is concerned, no information is available so far as the other clauses of this question are concerned ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar :—" Because it is not available."

Deaths among political prisoners.

* 196-A Q.—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state the number of deaths among the political prisoners in different jails in this Presidency with details as to the nature and the duration of the disease and malady, if any, they respectively suffered from and the treatment given to them for their cure ?

A.—The Government have no information.

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" Were any reports received at all about the death of any prisoner ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar :—" I cannot say whether any report was received of any person's death. I have no report on the death of this particular prisoner."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" I am afraid the hon. Member is referring to the previous question. I hope the prisoner is still in full life to receive some consideration at his hands. We are now on question No. 196-A. I want to know whether any prisoners died in the jails, among politicals "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar :—" I have no information ; but if my hon. Friend is particular, I shall call for it."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" It is a very serious matter, Sir, and I hope the hon. the Law Member will oblige this House by calling for the information."

Death of Mr. S. Satyanarayana Moorthy Gupta in jail.

* 196-B Q.—Mr. K. Koti Reddi : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that one Mr. Siva Satyanarayana Moorthy Gupta of Intur village of Tenali taluk, a satyagrahi prisoner, died of dysentery in the Central Jail, Trichinopoly, on or about the 9th January 1931 ;

(b) how long he was suffering from dysentery ;

(c) when his illness showed signs of being serious and whether his parents or relatives were informed of it ;

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(d) whether any steps were taken to send the patient to a civil hospital for treatment;

(e) whether the prisoner was having any buttermilk for his diet before he got dysentery?

A.—The information has been called for.

Application from 'A' and 'B' class prisoners for transfers to 'C' class.

* 197-A Q.—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether any A and B class political prisoners applied for a change to C class; and

(b) if so, how many of each class, and for what reasons?

A.—(a) & (b) Two A class prisoners and six B class prisoners applied to Government for a change to C class mainly as a protest against the treatment meted out to Satyagraha prisoners.

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar:—"May I know whether those transfers had any effect on the fate of the other C class prisoners?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—"Whatever was possible in the case of those other prisoners was being done, even before the protest was received from these particular prisoners?"

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan:—"The hon. the Law Member said that everything was done to improve the conditions of the C class prisoners even before the protest was made by the A and B class prisoners. I want to know whether it was done by the Inspector-General of Prisons or the Superintendent of Prisons, or by the Law Member himself."

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—"The Superintendents of Prisons and the officers under them and the Inspector-General."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar:—"Will the hon. the Law Member kindly give us some idea as to the A and B class prisoners who wanted the transfer?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—"Notice."

Alleged differentiation in the classification of the same prisoner.

* 197-B Q.—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) the number of instances where the same person having been convicted more than once was classified differently at each conviction together with reasons for the variations in the classification; and

(b) whether Paripudi Rama Mohan Rao of Cocanada was treated as a 'B' class prisoner at his first conviction and as 'C' class at his next conviction; and if so, why the classification was changed on the second occasion?

A.—(a) & (b) The only instance is that of Parupudi Rama Mohan Rao. When he was first convicted he was placed in 'B' class on the information regarding his status, etc., furnished by the Fourth Presidency Magistrate, Madras. This information has since been found to be incorrect. The Government have included